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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC, as a
Telecommunications Utility, for Authority to Establish
Permanent Telephone Rates

2055-TR-102

Application of Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC, as a
Telecommunications Utility, for Authority to Establish
Permanent Telephone Rates

5846-TR-102

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION, AND
ASSESSMENT OF COSTS, AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date: Monday, April 1, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Conference Location: Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,
Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to investigate the applications of CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC, and Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC, for authority to establish permanent rates. The two utilities began offering service to customers effective October 1, 2000, following purchase of territories from Verizon North Inc. Previous orders of the Commission¹ have established interim rates subject to refund for each utility.

On January 18, 2002, the utilities submitted applications and supporting documentation for authority to increase rates for local service and access service. Additional supporting materials were filed on January 25, 2002. The utilities requested confidential treatment for some of this material. The requests for confidential treatment will be handled separately.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicants. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigations will be assessed against and collected from the applicants in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

¹ See Interim Order in combined dockets 2055-TR-100 and 5846-TR-100 dated November 3, 2000, and Decision in combined dockets 2055-TR-101 and 5846-TR-101, dated August 21, 2001.

A prehearing conference will be held beginning on Monday, April 1, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Tom Gross at (608) 267-2337.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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